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<p>Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.</p> <p>This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.</p> <p>The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s). Note: No more than five (5) pages may be provided.</p> <p>I am the</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/98)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration number <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">33,549</div></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em; margin-bottom: 5px;">John Rogitz</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">Signature</div> <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;">John Rogitz</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">Typed or printed name</div> <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;">619.338.8075</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">Telephone number</div> <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;">8/3/06</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">Date</div> </div> </div> <p><small>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</small></p>									
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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REASONS

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA

Dear Sir:

The issues applicant would ask to be reviewed are as follows. The rejection of Claim 1 is based on the examiner equating a user changing a scrub timer (as taught in the secondary reference) with the claimed "scrub delay period that depends on a number of user requests received from a RAID controller" because, per the examiner, the user changing the timer is "a" request and "a" equals "one", which is a "number".


Applicant believes this argument fails in at least two respects: (1) the relied-upon "request" is not from a RAID controller as claimed, and (2) changing the timer in the reference depends on the existence of a request, not its inherent "number" of unity. The existence of a thing is not the same thing as a number of that thing.

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